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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This issues presents preliminary grape crush and beverage wine production estimates based on a response rate of approximately 80% from data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Revisions have been made to 2009-10 grape crush data (approximately -27,000 tonnes) and will be included with the final estimates to be released in *Australian Wine and Grape Industry, 2011* (cat. no. 1329.0), expected for release in February 2012.

ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

INQUIRIES

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SUMMARY COMMENTARY

GRAPES CRUSHED AND BEVERAGE WINE PRODUCTION

There were 1.60 million tonnes of grapes crushed in 2010-11, an increase of 19 thousand tonnes (1.2%) from last year.

The were 325 wine making businesses that crushed more than 50 tonnes of grapes this year. There were 149 winemakers that each crushed from 50 to 400 tonnes of grapes, producing a combined crush of 25 thousand tonnes. The 176 winemaking businesses that each crushed more than 400 tonnes of grapes crushed a total of 1.6 million tonnes (98.4% of the national total) of grapes.

There were an estimated 1,073 million litres of beverage wine produced by winemakers that crushed more than 50 tonnes of grapes. This beverage wine production figure was 69 million litres (-6.1%) less than the total for 2009-10.

Red/rosé (unfortified) wine made up 562 million litres (52.4%) of the estimated beverage wine produced in 2010-11. This was a decrease of 62 million litres (-9.9%) on the red/rosé (unfortified) wine produced in the previous year. White (unfortified) wine accounted for 496 million litres, a decrease of 8.8 million litres (1.7%) on 2009-10.

TABLE 1: Winemakers, Size of production - 2010-11

| Size (tonnes crushed) | Winemakers no. | Grapes crushed | | Total t | Fortified wine Total ' 000 L | Unfortified wine | | Beverage wine Total ' 000 L |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Red t | White t | | | Red ' 000 L | White ' 000 L | |
| 50 - 400 | 149 | 15 302 | 9 879 | 25 181 | 278 | 9 636 | 5 636 | 15 549 |
| 401 or more | 176 | 747 628 | 822 399 | 1 570 026 | 15 263 | 552 048 | 490 063 | 1 057 374 |
| Total | 325 | 762 930 | 832 278 | 1 595 207 | 15 541 | 561 685 | 495 698 | 1 072 924 |

About this Release

An early release of Australia's grapes crushed and production of wine by size of winemaker.

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INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents selected estimates from the ABS collection: **Wine and Spirit Production, 2010-11** (Annual Wine Survey). Not all data from these collections are published here. More information compiled from this collection and other collections will be available in a compendium product due for release in early 2012. Some further data are available for a charge, on application to the ABS.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF WINE SURVEY

2 Winemakers who crush 50 tonnes or more of grapes are included in the Wine and Spirit Production collection. Wine production data are collected from these winemakers on a winery (location) basis to allow for state and regional data output. The grapes crushed by these wineries includes grapes owned by others and crushed on a commission or contract basis, often for wine producers who do not have their own crushing facilities.

3 Wine surveys are intended to identify and collect as much relevant activity as possible. The coverage limitations noted in paragraph 2 results in the exclusion of a small amount of activity relating to wineries believed to fall below the coverage limitations when surveyed. The total amount of activity excluded is believed to be between 2% and 5%.

Glossary

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Beverage wine

Table, sparkling and fortified wine produced for direct consumption and not for distillation.

Fortified wine

Wine to which grape spirit has been added, thereby adding alcoholic strength and precluding further fermentation. Fortified wine must contain at least 150 millilitres/litre and not more than 200 millilitres/litre of ethanol at 20° Centigrade.

Sparkling wine

The product of complete or partial fermentation of wine with contained sugars that has become surcharged with carbon dioxide.

Unfortified wine

Table or sparkling wine which must contain at least 80 millilitres/litre of ethanol at 20° Centigrade. Unfortified wines rely solely on fermentation for their alcoholic strength.

Winemaker

An individual business or groups of businesses under common ownership involved in the production of wine.

Winery

Individual locations having facilities to crush grapes and produce wine.

Abbreviations

ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| L | litre |
| no. | number |
| '000 | thousand |
| t | tonnes |

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